

The attack on XM and other satellite services by the NAB is an affront to the first amendment. I, as well as many other consumers, pay to hear the wide variety of content and services provided by XM. One of these services is the local traffic and weather service. XM provides an always constant stream of information that has proved invaluable in my daily life. This particular advantage over normal broadcast radio, along with the unique stations provided by the XM service, helped lead to my decision to become an XM customer. The NAB petition, which merely serves to squash a threat to normal broadcast radio, not only disgraces the first amendment in its goal to limit content, but it is also an affront to the economic system that we supposedly hold so dear. Instead of trying to compete with XM, Sirius, and their ilk, it appears the NAB would rather have the government take care of their problem.

I respectfully ask the FCC to reject petition 04-160 and let the market decide the fate of these services.